

**CHAPTER NO. 255**

**SENATE BILL NO. 166**

**By Trail**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 579**

**By Coleman, Hood**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 2, relative to the Tennessee higher education commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-207, is amended by adding the following new subsections:


(e) Neither the committee nor the commission is required to approve any institution or program submitted to them for approval under Part 20 of this chapter if, in their judgment, adequate provisions for such institution or program exists within the proposed service area.

(f) When the committee or the commission receives a request for authorization of an institution or a program under Part 20 of this chapter, it shall provide timely notice of such application and the programs which are proposed to be offered to state institutions of higher education within whose service area the proposed institution or program is to be located. Any affected state institution may comment on the proposal to the committee or commission.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 19, 2003**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR